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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-8, and 12-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 5 and 9-11 are canceled. Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 12, 14, and 15 are amended. Claims 16-20 are added. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

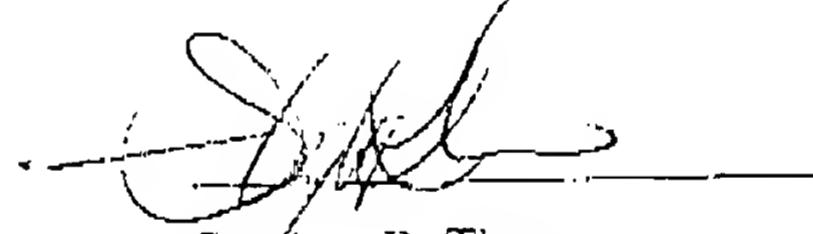
Independent claims 1 and 15 are amended to include the features of claim 5, which was indicated as being allowable over the cited prior art. Claims 9-11 are canceled. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1, 9-11, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is overcome. New claims 16-20 also recite features previously presented in claim 5, which was indicated as being allowable over the cited prior art.

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the prior art of record and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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